 **LWML Gifts of Love Ministry**

**September Newsletter Article**

Otto and Grace served the Lord from baptism to grave in their earthly lives.

During the years when the children were growing up, finances were tight. But they were rich, because of the inheritance Jesus has laid in store for those who believe in Him. *“In my Father’s house are many rooms. If it were not so I would have told you. And If I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to be where I am.” (John 14)*

When Otto was called home, Grace still had seven years to sojourn here. After a lifetime of meticulous money management, she was still worried. It had plagued her all her life. But God provided. She was cared for. She was comfortable. Yes, she even was content.

True to God’s provision, there was an abundance beyond her needs and she passed that on to family as inheritance. In her will she wrote, “I urge my heirs not to set their hopes on uncertain riches, but to take hold of the life which is life indeed through faith in Jesus Christ.” Those words coupled together with a modest financial inheritance are a true gift. The family was not perfect. No family is. But in the end, God’s grace wins the day. Understanding *that* is a true inheritance from the Lord.

Do you want help to craft a plan that will enable your family to celebrate that same inheritance? Your LWML Gift Planning Counselor can help. Contact…

**September Bulletin Sentences**

September 6, 2020

As you think about leaving inheritance, what runs through your mind? Is your goal to have family hang on to “your things?” Do you sense a burden of obligation? Or, since we live under grace, can you see inheritance as gifts to family, which you get to give because God first gave to you? Would you like help gaining perspective? Your LWML Gift Planning Counselor can help. Contact…

September 13, 2020

Do inheritance gifts need to be equal to family members in order to be fair? Aiming at fairness might blind you to things the Lord wants you to accomplish with the giving of His gifts. Special needs of a family member may be a focus. Creation or continuation of a business might be another. The product produced by inheritance may impact much more than your family. Your LWML Gift Planning Counselor can help think and pray about the right gifts. Contact…

September 20, 2020

Should I talk with my family about their inheritance before the Lord calls me home? Privacy about inheritance often generates a claim to own things that really are God’s gifts for us to give. It may indeed be very important for you to talk with family about the godly stewardship of the gifts you will give. Your LWML Gift Planning Counselor can facilitate these conversations with your family members. Contact…

September 27, 2020

If there is just one thing that you can give to your family, what would that one thing be? Hopefully, your heart quickly settles on inheritance in God’s house, anchored by being children of the Heavenly Father through His Son Jesus. Your end of (earthly) life planning enables you to focus your attention on what really matters in your family relationships. You may want to write that down in a family blessing or Christian preamble to your will. Your LWML Gift Planning Counselor can help. Contact…

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